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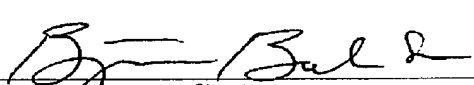
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Page 2**REMARKS****I. Rejection of Claims 1-124**

Claims 1-124 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over *Pinder, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,105,134). Applicant traverses this rejection and respectfully submits that the rejection of record is clearly not proper.

Specifically, Applicant submits that the following clear legal deficiency exists in the rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that a representative claimed element, specifically among others, "receiving from a headend of the subscriber network a first ciphertext packet at the receiver and applying to the first ciphertext packet a first cryptographic algorithm to convert the first ciphertext packet to a second ciphertext packet" from claim 1, is not taught by the references of record. The Advisory Action alleges that *Pinder* (6,105,134) "discloses a key generation component and a head end which may receive already encrypted programming instances (see col. 7, lines 42-47)." *See Advisory Action*, page 2. The Advisory Action further alleges that "[t]he head end encrypts the programming instances in a multi-stage operation (3 DES operation) before sending the content via a transmission medium to a remote receiver." *See Advisory Action*, page 2. The Advisory Action takes these two statements together to disclose receiving an encrypted instance and applying an encryption algorithm to the encrypted instance.

Applicant challenges the Examiner's statement as clear error. Applicant respectfully submits that the *Pinder* (6,105,134) statement in col. 7 lines 42-47 is taken out of context. The *Pinder* (6,105,134) reference does not disclose the encryption of an already encrypted instance. The cited encryption function 306 of *Pinder* (6,105,134) is usually performed at the headend; however, the encryption may be performed upstream of the headend, in which case the headend receives an already encrypted service instance and passes it through without further encryption. Clearly, the intent of the cited section is to indicate where certain functions might be implemented. There is absolutely no indication that a head end receives an encrypted instance and applies a further layer of encryption to it.

Additionally, the Advisory Action alleges that *Pinder* (6,105,134) discloses "a service reception component (DHCT 333) that receives encrypted content and uses a multi-stage encryption technique (3DES) to decrypt (decryption is an equivalent encryption operation) the

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encrypted content (see Fig. 3).” *See Advisory Action*, page 2. However, decrypting an encrypted instance is not encrypting an encrypted instance. In fact, it is a diametrically opposite operation. Moreover, in the description of Fig. 3, *Pinder* (6,105,134) explicitly states that “since the control words in ECMs 323 and the contents of EMMs 315 have already been encrypted, no further encryption is needed when they are sent in the MPEG-2 transport stream. Therefore, *Pinder* (6,105,134) teaches away from encrypting already encrypted content.

Pinder (6,105,134) clearly fails to disclose the subject matter of the claims. Therefore, since all elements of the claims are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the references of record, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1-124 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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